



Part 2 – Applications and Licenses

2-200 Series – Applications and Licenses Rules

Basis and Purpose – 2-220

The statutory basis for this rule includes but is not limited to sections 44-10-202(1)(c), 44-10-202(1)(e), 44-10-203(1)(c), 44-10-203(1)(j), 44-10-203(1)(k), 44-10-203(2)(a), 44-10-203(2)(w), 44-10-203(2)(ee), 44-10-203(7), 44-10-301, 44-10-305, 44-10-307, 44-10-308, 44-10-309, 44-10-310, 44-10-311, 44-10-312, 44-10-313, and 44-10-316, C.R.S. The purpose of this rule is to establish the general requirements and processes for submission of an initial application for a Regulated Marijuana Business to the State Licensing Authority.

2-220 – Initial Application Requirements for Regulated Marijuana Businesses

- A. Documents and Information Requested. Every initial application for a Regulated Marijuana Business License must include all required documents and information including, but not limited to:
1. A copy of the local license application, if required, for a Regulated Marijuana Business.
 2. Certificate of Good Standing from the jurisdiction in which the Entity was formed, which must be one of the states of the United States, territories of the United States, District of Columbia, or another country that authorizes the sale of marijuana.
 3. If the Applicant is an Entity, the identity and physical address of its registered agent in the state of Colorado.
 4. Organizational Documents. Articles of Incorporation, by-laws, and any shareholder agreement for a corporation; articles of organization and operating agreement for a limited liability company; or partnership agreement for a partnership.
 5. Corporate Governance Documents.
 - a. A Regulated Marijuana Business that is a Publicly Traded Corporation must maintain corporate governance documents as required by the securities exchange on which its securities are listed and traded, and section 44-10-103(50), C.R.S., and must provide those corporate governance documents with each initial application.
 - b. A Regulated Marijuana Business that is not a Publicly Traded Corporation is not required to maintain any corporate governance documents. However, if the Regulated Marijuana Business that is not a Publicly Traded Corporation voluntarily maintains corporate governance documents, the Division encourages inclusion of such documents with each initial application.

6. The deed, lease, sublease, rental agreement, contract, or any other document(s) establishing the Applicant is, or will be, entitled to possession of the premises for which the application is made.
 7. Legible and accurate diagram for the facility. The diagram must include a plan for the Licensed Premises and a separate plan for the security/surveillance plan including camera location, number and direction of coverage. If the diagram is larger than 8.5 x 11 inches, the Applicant must also provide a copy of the diagram in a portable document format (.pdf).
 8. All required findings of suitability issued by the Division.
 9. If the Applicant is a Publicly Traded Corporation:
 - a. Documents establishing the Publicly Traded Corporation qualifies to hold a Regulated Marijuana Business License including but not limited to disclosure of securities exchange(s) on which its Securities are listed and traded, the stock symbol(s), the identity of all regulators with regulatory oversight over its Securities; and
 - b. Divestiture plan for any Controlling Beneficial Owner that is a Person prohibited by the Marijuana Code, has had her or his Owner License revoked, or has been found unsuitable.
 10. Financial Statements. Consolidated financial statements (which may be prepared on either a calendar or fiscal year basis) that were prepared in the preceding 365 days, and which must include a balance sheet, an income statement, and a cash flow statement. If the Applicant or Regulated Marijuana Business is required to have audited financial statements by another regulator (e.g. United States Securities and Exchange Commission or the Canadian Securities Administrators) the financial statements provided to the Division must be audited and must also include all footnotes, schedules, auditors' report(s), and auditor's opinion(s). If the financial statements are publicly available on a website (e.g. EDGAR or SEDAR), the Applicant or Regulated Marijuana Business may provide notification of the website link where the financial statements can be accessed in lieu of hardcopy submission.
 11. Tax Documents. While duplicate tax documentation is not required to be provided with the application, the Applicant shall cooperate with the Division to establish proof of compliant return filing and payment of taxes related to any Regulated Marijuana Business in which the Person is, or was, required to file and pay taxes.
- B. Local Licensing/Approval Required.
1. Regulated Marijuana Business Local Licensing Authority Approval Required.
 - a. If the Division grants a license to a Regulated Marijuana Business before the Local Licensing Authority or Local Jurisdiction approves the application or grants a local license, the state license will be conditioned upon local approval. If the Local Licensing Authority denies the application, the state license will be revoked.
 - b. An Applicant is prohibited from operating a Regulated Marijuana Business prior to obtaining all necessary licenses, registrations, permits, or approvals from both the State Licensing Authority and the Local Licensing Authority or Local Jurisdiction.

2. Retail Marijuana Business One Year to Obtain Local Jurisdiction Approval Required.
 - a. The Applicant has one year from the date of licensing by the State Licensing Authority to obtain approval or licensing from the Local Jurisdiction.
 - b. If the Applicant fails to obtain Local Jurisdiction approval or licensing within one year from grant of the state license, the state license ~~may expire and may not~~ be renewed in accordance with Rule 2-225(G)(2).
- C. Social Equity License Qualification.
 1. A natural person who can establish he or she qualifies as a Social Equity Licensee may apply for either a Regulated Marijuana Business License or an Accelerator License.
 2. Qualifications. To qualify as a Social Equity Licensee, the Applicant must be found suitable for licensure pursuant to Rule 2-235, unless otherwise exempted by these Rules, and must meet the following minimum eligibility requirements:
 - a. The Applicant is a Colorado Resident and has established Colorado residency by providing the items required by Rule 2-265(H).
 - b. The Applicant has not been the Beneficial Owner of a License subject to administrative action issued by the State Licensing Authority resulting in the revocation of a license issued pursuant to the Marijuana Code;
 - c. The Applicant has demonstrated at least one of the following:
 - i. The Applicant has resided for at least fifteen years between the years 1980 and 2010 in a census tract designated by the office of economic development and international trade as an opportunity zone or a census tract designated as a Disproportionate Impacted Area;
 - ii. The Applicant or the Applicant's parent, legal guardian, sibling, spouse, child, or minor in their guardianship was arrested for a marijuana offense, convicted of a marijuana offense, or was subject to civil asset forfeiture related to a marijuana investigation; or
 - iii. The Applicant's household income in the year prior to application did not exceed 50% of the state median income as measured by the number of people who reside in the Applicant's household.
 - d. The Social Equity Licensee, or collectively one or more Social Equity Licensees, holds at least fifty-one percent of the Beneficial Ownership of the Regulated Marijuana Business License.
 3. Information Required to Establish Qualification as a Social Equity Licensee.
 - a. To demonstrate qualification as a Social Equity Licensee based on residence during the relevant time period, the Applicant must demonstrate the Applicant's residency which may include either:
 - i. Providing information or documents including but not limited to a copy of school records, rental agreements, lease agreements, utility bills, mortgage statements, loan documents, bank records, tax returns, or any other document which proves the Applicant's place of residence; or

- ii. Affirming, under penalty of perjury, the Applicant's place of residence and provide the name(s) and contact information for at least one individual who can verify the Applicant's place of residence during the time period at issue.
 - b. To demonstrate that an Applicant qualifies as a Social Equity Licensee based on a prior marijuana conviction of a family member, the Applicant must provide affirmation of the familial relationship, and court or other documents demonstrating the family member's arrest or conviction for a marijuana offense or that the family member was subject to a civil asset forfeiture related to a marijuana investigation.
 - c. To demonstrate that an Applicant qualifies as a Social Equity Licensee based on the Applicant's income, the Applicant must provide the Applicant's tax return for the prior year. If an Applicant applies between January 1 and April 15 but has not yet filed a tax return, the application may be delayed or denied until the tax return is filed and provided to the Division. The Division cannot accept tax returns for previous years.
 - 4. Denial of an Application on the Basis of a Marijuana Conviction. The State Licensing Authority will not deny an application for a Social Equity License or a related request for a finding of suitability on the sole basis of a marijuana conviction.
- D. Accelerator License Application and Qualification.
 - 1. License Issuance.
 - a. Beginning January 1, 2021, a Social Equity Licensee may apply for an Accelerator License. The application shall be made on Division forms and in accordance with the 2-200 Series Rules.
 - b. An Accelerator Licensee may exercise the privileges of a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility License, Retail Marijuana Products Manufacturer License, or Retail Marijuana Store License on the Licensed Premises of a Retail Marijuana Cultivation Facility, Retail Marijuana Products Manufacturer, or Retail Marijuana Store that has been approved as an Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee or on a Licensed Premises under the control of the Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee.
 - 2. Qualifications. To qualify for an Accelerator License, an Applicant must:
 - a. Be found suitable for licensure pursuant to Rule 2-235, unless otherwise exempted by these Rules; and
 - b. Be approved as a Social Equity Licensee pursuant to this Rule.
 - 3. Information Required to Establish Qualification as an Accelerator Licensee. To establish that an Applicant qualifies as an Accelerator Licensee, he or she must establish:
 - a. Qualification as a Social Equity Licensee; and
 - b. An affirmation that the Applicant has not been the Beneficial Owner of a Regulated Marijuana Business License issued pursuant to the Marijuana Code.

Basis and Purpose – 2-225

The statutory basis for this rule includes but is not limited to sections 44-10-202(1)(c), 44-10-202(1)(e), 44-10-203(1)(c), 44-10-203(2)(a), 44-10-203(2)(c), 44-10-203(2)(w), 44-10-203(2)(ee), 44-10-203(7), 44-10-305(2)(b)(1)(C), 44-10-307, 44-10-308, 44-10-309, 44-10-313, 44-10-314, and 44-10-316 C.R.S. The purpose of this rule is to establish the requirements and procedures for the license renewal process, including the circumstances under which an expired license may be reinstated.

2-225 – Renewal Application Requirements for All Licensees

A. License Periods.

1. Regulated Marijuana Business and Owner Licenses are valid for one year from the date of issuance.
2. Medical Marijuana Transporters, Retail Marijuana Transporters, and Employee Licenses are valid for two years from the date of issuance.

B. Division Notification Prior to Expiration.

1. The Division will send a notice of license renewal 90 days prior to the expiration of an existing Regulated Marijuana Business or Owner License by first class mail to the Licensee's physical address of record.
2. Failure to receive the Division notification does not relieve the Licensee of the obligation to timely renew the license.

C. Renewal Deadline.

1. A Licensee must apply for the renewal of an existing license prior to the License's expiration date.
2. A renewal application submitted to the Division prior to the license's expiration date shall be deemed timely pursuant to subsection 24-4-104(7), C.R.S., and the Licensee may continue to operate until Final Agency Order on the renewal application.

D. If License Not Renewed Before Expiration. A license is immediately invalid upon expiration if the Licensee has not filed a renewal application and remitted all of the required application and license fees prior to the license expiration date. A Regulated Marijuana Business that fails to file a renewal application and remit all required application and license fees prior to the license expiration date must not operate unless it first obtains a new state license and any required local license.

1. Reinstatement of Expired Regulated Marijuana Business License. A Regulated Marijuana Business that fails to file a renewal application and remit all required application and license fees prior to the license expiration date may request that the Division reinstate an expired license only in accordance to the following:
 - a. The Regulated Marijuana Business license expired within the previous 30 days;
 - b. The Regulated Marijuana Business License has submitted an initial application pursuant to Rule 2-220. The initial application must be submitted prior to, or concurrently with, the request for reinstatement;
 - c. The Regulated Marijuana Business has paid the reinstatement fee in Rule 2-205; and

- d. Any license or approval from the Local Licensing Authority or Local Jurisdiction is still valid or has been obtained.
 2. Reinstatement Not Available for Surrendered or Revoked Licenses. A request for reinstatement cannot be submitted and will not be approved for a Regulated Marijuana Business License that was surrendered or revoked.
 3. Reinstatement Not Available for Owner Licenses or Employee Licenses. A request for reinstatement cannot be submitted and will not be approved for expired, surrendered, or revoked Owner Licenses or Employee Licenses.
 4. Denial of Request for Reinstatement or Administrative Action. If the Licensee requesting reinstatement of a Regulated Marijuana Business License operated during a period that the license was expired, the request may be subject to denial and the Licensee may be subject to administrative action as authorized by the Marijuana Code or these Rules.
 5. Approval of Request for Reinstatement. Upon approval of any request for reinstatement of an expired Regulated Marijuana Business License, the Licensee may resume operations until the final agency action on the Licensee's initial application for a Regulated Marijuana Business License.
 - a. Approval of a request for reinstatement of an expired Regulated Marijuana Business License does not guarantee approval of the Regulated Marijuana Business Licensee's initial application; and
 - b. Approval of a request for reinstatement of an expired License does not waive the State Licensing Authority's authority to pursue administrative action on the expired License or initial application for a Regulated Marijuana Business License.
 6. Final Agency Order on Initial Application for Regulated Marijuana Business.
 - a. If the initial application for a Regulated Marijuana Business License submitted pursuant to this Rule is approved, the new Regulated Marijuana Business License will replace the reinstated License.
 - b. If the initial application for a Regulated Marijuana Business License submitted pursuant to this Rule is denied, the Licensee must immediately cease all operations including but not limited to, Transfer of Regulated Marijuana. See Rule 2-270 – Application Denial and Voluntary Withdrawal; 8-115 – Disposition of Unauthorized Regulated Marijuana; 8-130 – Administrative Warrants.
 - E. Voluntarily Surrendered or Revoked Licenses Not Eligible for Renewal. Any License that was voluntarily surrendered or that was revoked by a Final Agency Order is not eligible for renewal. Any Licensee who voluntarily surrendered its license or has had its License revoked by a Final Agency Order may only submit an initial application. The State Licensing Authority will consider the voluntary surrender or the Final Agency Order and all related facts and circumstances in determining approval of any subsequent initial application.
 - F. Licenses Subject to Ongoing Administrative Action. Licenses subject to an administrative action are subject to the requirements of this Rule. Licenses that are not timely renewed expire and cannot be renewed.
 - G. Documents Required at Renewal. A Regulated Marijuana Business and all Controlling Beneficial Owner-Entities must provide the following documents with every renewal application:
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1. Any document required by Rule 2-220(A)(1) through (9) that has changed since the document was last submitted to the Division. It is a license violation affecting public safety to fail to submit any document that changed since the last submission for the purpose of circumventing the requirements of the Marijuana Code, or these Rules;
 2. A copy of the Local Licensing Authority or Local Jurisdiction approval, licensure, and/or documentation demonstrating timely submission of and pending local license renewal application;
 - a. For initial renewal applications submitted after August 8, 2023, the State Licensing Authority may renew a License that has not yet received Local Licensing Authority approval prior to the expiration of the state-issued License if:
 - i. The Applicant submits a renewal application in accordance with this Rule; and
 - ii. The Applicant submits written documentation that demonstrates the Licensee has taken action to obtain local approval and demonstrates why local approval has not yet been obtained or a local license issued.
 3. A list of any sanctions, penalties, assessments, or cease and desist orders imposed by any securities regulatory agency, including but not limited to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission or the Canadian Securities Administrators;
 4. A Regulated Marijuana Business operating under a single Entity name with more than one License may submit the following documents only once each calendar year on the first license renewal in lieu of submission with every license renewal in the same calendar year:
 - a. Financial statements required by Rule 2-220(A)(10);
 - b. If the Regulated Marijuana Business is a Publicly Traded Corporation, the most recent list of Non-Objecting Beneficial Owners possessed by the Regulated Marijuana Business;
 - c. A copy of all management agreement(s) the Regulated Marijuana Business has entered into regardless of whether the Person is licensed or unlicensed; and
 - d. Contracts, agreements, royalty agreements, equipment leases, financing agreements, or security contracts for any Indirect Financial Interest Holder that is required to be disclosed by Rule 2-230(A)(3).
- H. Controlling Beneficial Owner Signature. At least one Controlling Beneficial Owner shall sign the renewal application. However, other Controlling Beneficial Owners may be required to sign authorizations and/or requests to release information.
- I. Accelerator Program Renewal Application Requirements.
1. Accelerator License Renewal. Accelerator Cultivator, Accelerator Manufacturer, and Accelerator Store Licenses are required to be renewed annually. In addition to the documents and information required to be submitted with a renewal application, an Accelerator Licensee must also disclose to the Division copies of any agreements between the Accelerator Licensee and the Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee under which it operated during the previous year.

2. Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee Additional Renewal Requirements.
 - a. An endorsement issued to an Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee is required to be renewed annually.
 - b. At the time of submitting a renewal application for the endorsement, an Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee must submit the following:
 - i. The name and license number of any Accelerator Licensee for which it served as an Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee during the previous year;
 - ii. The equity assistance proposal if there have been any updates or amendments since the proposal was last submitted to the Division;
 - iii. Copies of any agreements between the Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee and the Accelerator Licensee(s), including the equity partnership agreement; and
 - iv. Any required Local Jurisdiction approvals.
 - c. In addition to any other basis for denial of a renewal application, the State Licensing Authority may also consider the following facts and circumstances as additional bases for denial of an endorsement renewal application:
 - i. The Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee violated the terms of any equity partnership agreement it entered into with an Accelerator Licensee;
 - ii. The Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee ended the equity partnership agreement with an Accelerator Licensee prematurely; and
 - iii. The Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee provided false or misleading statements, records, or information to an Accelerator Licensee.

Part 6 – Retail Marijuana Business License Types

6-100 Series – Retail Marijuana Stores

Basis and Purpose – 6-105

The statutory authority for this rule includes but is not limited to sections 44-10-202(1)(c), 44-10-203(1)(k), 44-10-203(2)(dd), 44-10-313(14), 44-10-401(2)(b)(I), 44-10-601, and 44-10-605, C.R.S. The purpose of this rule is to the license privileges of a Retail Marijuana Store licensee. This Rule 6-105 was previously Rule R 401.

6-105 – Retail Marijuana Store: License Privileges

- A. Licensed Premises. To the extent authorized by Rule 3-215 – Regulated Marijuana Business– Shared Licensed Premises and Operational Separation, a Retail Marijuana Store may share, and operate at, the same Licensed Premises with a commonly-owned Medical Marijuana Store. However, a separate license is required for each specific business or business entity, regardless of geographical location.
- B. Authorized Sources of Retail Marijuana. A Retail Marijuana Store may only Transfer Retail Marijuana that was obtained from another Retail Marijuana Business.

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- C. Samples Provided for Testing. A Retail Marijuana Store may provide Samples of its products for testing and research purposes to a Retail Marijuana Testing Facility. The Retail Marijuana Store shall maintain the testing results as part of its business books and records. See Rule 3-905 – Business Records Required.
- D. Authorized On-Premises Storage. A Retail Marijuana Store is authorized to store inventory on the Licensed Premises. All inventory stored on the Licensed Premises must be secured in a Limited Access Area or Restricted Access Area, and tracked consistently with the inventory tracking rules.
- E. Authorized Marijuana Transport. A Retail Marijuana Store is authorized to utilize a licensed Retail Marijuana Transporter for transportation of its Retail Marijuana so long as the place where transportation orders are taken and delivered is a licensed Retail Marijuana Business. Nothing in this Rule prevents a Retail Marijuana Store from transporting its own Retail Marijuana.
- F. Performance-Based Incentives. A Retail Marijuana Store may compensate its employees using performance-based incentives, including sales-based performance-based incentives.
- G. Authorized Transfers of Industrial Hemp Products. This rule is effective July 1, 2020. A Retail Marijuana Store may Transfer Industrial Hemp Product to a consumer only after it has confirmed:
1. That the Industrial Hemp Product has passed all required testing pursuant to the 4-100 Series Rules at a Retail Marijuana Testing Facility; and
 2. That the Person Transferring the Industrial Hemp Product to the Retail Marijuana Store is registered with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment pursuant to section 25-5-426, C.R.S.
- H. Retail Marijuana Store Delivery Permit.
1. Prior to January 2, 2021, all Retail Marijuana Stores are prohibited from delivering Regulated Marijuana to consumers.
 2. After January 2, 2021, a Retail Marijuana Store with a valid delivery permit may accept delivery orders deliver Retail Marijuana to consumers pursuant to Rule 3-615.
 3. A Retail Marijuana Store that does not possess a valid delivery permit cannot deliver Retail Marijuana.
- I. Automated Dispensing Machines: A Retail Marijuana Store may use an automated machine in the Restricted Access Area of its Licensed Premises to dispense Regulated Marijuana to consumers without interaction with an Owner Licensee or Employee Licensee if the automated machine is reasonably monitored and complies with all requirements of these rules including but not limited to:
1. Health and safety standards,
 2. Testing,
 3. Packaging and labeling requirements,
 4. Inventory tracking,
 5. Identification requirements, and

6. Transfer limits to consumers.
- J. Walk-up Window or Drive-up Window. A Retail Marijuana Store may serve customers through a walk-up window or drive-up window pursuant to the requirements of this ~~R~~ule.
1. Modification of Premises Required. Before accepting orders for sales of Retail Marijuana to a customer through either a walk-up window or drive-up window, a Retail Marijuana Store shall apply for, and obtain approval of, an application for a modification of its Licensed Premises for the addition of a walk-up window or drive-up window.
 2. The area immediately outside the walk-up window or drive-up window must be under the Licensee's possession and control and cannot include any public property such as public streets, public sidewalks, or public parking lots.
 3. Order and Identification Requirements.
 - a. Prior to accepting an order or Transferring Retail Marijuana to a customer, the Employee Licensee or Owner Licensee must physically view and inspect the consumer's identification and ensure that the consumer is 21 years of age or older.
 - b. The Retail Marijuana Store may accept telephone or internet orders or may accept orders from the customer at the walk-up window or drive-up window. ~~Retail Marijuana Stores may not accept payment for Retail Marijuana over the internet.~~
 - c. All orders received through a walk-up window or a drive-up window must be placed by the customer from a menu. The Retail Marijuana Store may not display Retail Marijuana at the walk-up or drive-up window.
 4. Payment Requirements. Cash, credit, debit, cashless ATM, or other payment methods including online payments are permitted ~~for payments~~ for Retail Marijuana at the walk-up window or drive-up window.
 5. Video Surveillance Requirements. For every Transfer of Regulated Marijuana through either a walk-up window or drive-up window, the Retail Marijuana Store's video surveillance must enable the recording of the consumer's identity (and consumer's vehicle in the event of drive-up window), and must enable the recording of the Licensee verifying the consumer's identification and completion of the transaction through the Transfer of Regulated Marijuana.
 6. Packaging and Labeling Requirements. A Retail Marijuana Store utilizing a walk-up window or drive-up window must ensure that all Retail Marijuana is packaged and labeled in accordance with Rule 3-1010 and Rule 3-1015 prior to Transfer to the consumer.
 7. Local Restrictions. Transfers of Regulated Marijuana using a walk-up window or drive-up window are subject to requirements and restrictions imposed by the relevant Local Jurisdiction.
- K. Sales over the Internet. A Retail Marijuana Store may accept orders and payment for Retail Marijuana over the internet.
1. Online Order Requirements.
 - a. Online orders must include the customer's name and date of birth.

- b. Prior to accepting the order, the store must provide and the customer must acknowledge receipt of:
 - i. A digital copy of the pregnancy warning required in Rule 6-115; and
 - ii. If accepting an order for Retail Marijuana Concentrate, the Retail Marijuana Store must also provide the educational resources required in Rule 6-110(C.5).
 - c. Licensees must maintain standard operating procedures documenting their compliance with the requirements of this subparagraph (K).
2. Transfer of Retail Marijuana to the customer.
- a. A Customer must be physically present on the Licensed Premises to take possession of Retail Marijuana.
 - b. The Retail Marijuana Store must verify the customer's physical identification matches the name and date of birth the customer provided at the time of the order, and verify that the customer is twenty-one years of age or older, in accordance with these Rules.
3. Delivery. A Retail Marijuana Store that holds a valid delivery permit may make sales of Retail Marijuana over the internet in accordance with Rule 3-615.
4. Approved Sources of Payment. A Retail Marijuana Store may accept payment using any legal method of payment, gift card pre-payments, or pre-payment accounts established with a Retail Marijuana Store, except that any payment with an Electronic Benefits Transfer Services Card is not permitted.
- a. A Local Licensing Authority or Local Jurisdiction may further restrict legal methods of payment not expressly permitted by section 44-10-203(2)(dd)(XV), C.R.S.

Basis and Purpose – 6-110

The statutory authority for this rule includes but is not limited to sections 44-10-202(1)(c), 44-10-203(2)(g), 44-10-203(2)(h), 44-10-203(4)(b), 44-10-203(1)(k), 44-10-401(2)(b)(l), 44-10-701(1)(a), 44-10-701(3)(d) and (f), and 44-10-601, C.R.S. Authority also exists in the Colorado Constitution at Article XVIII, Subsections 16(3)(a), 16(5)(a)(V) and 16(5)(a)(VIII). The purpose of this rule is to clarify those acts that are limited in some fashion, or prohibited, by a licensed Retail Marijuana Store.

Regarding quantity limitations on sales, equivalencies for Retail Marijuana Concentrate and Retail Marijuana Product to Retail Marijuana flower have been included in this rule pursuant to the mandate of House Bill 14-1361. The establishment of equivalencies also provides information to stakeholders including Licensees, the general public, and law enforcement to aid in the enforcement of and compliance with the lawful personal possession limit of one ounce or less of marijuana. Setting these equivalencies provides Retail Marijuana Stores and their employees with necessary information to avoid being complicit in a patron acquiring more marijuana than is lawful to possess under the Colorado Constitution pursuant to Article XVIII, Subsection 16(3)(a).

This Rule 6-110 was previously Rule R 402, 1 CCR 212-2.

6-110 – Retail Marijuana Sales: General Limitations or Prohibited Acts

- A. Sales to Persons Under 21 Years. Licensees are prohibited from Transferring, giving, or distributing Retail Marijuana to persons under 21 years of age. Licensees are prohibited from permitting a person under the age of 21 years of age from entering the Restricted Access Area.
- B. Age Verification. Licensees must verify on two separate occasions that a Person is 21 years of age or older. First, prior to permitting a Person to enter the Restricted Access Area, a Licensee must verify that the Person has a valid government-issued photo identification showing that the Person is 21 years of age or older. Second, prior to initiating the Transfer of Retail Marijuana, a Licensee must verify that the purchaser has a valid government-issued photo identification showing that the purchaser is 21 years of age or older.
- C. Quantity Limitations On Sales.
1. A Retail Marijuana Store and its employees are prohibited from Transferring more than one ounce of Retail Marijuana flower or its equivalent in Retail Marijuana Concentrate or Retail Marijuana Product to a consumer in a single transaction. A Retail Marijuana Store may also Transfer up to six (6) seeds in addition to the one ounce of Retail Marijuana flower or its equivalent in Retail Marijuana Concentrate or Retail Marijuana Product to a consumer in a single transaction. A single transaction includes multiple Transfers to the same consumer during the same business day where the Retail Marijuana Store employee knows or reasonably should know that such Transfer would result in that consumer possessing more than one ounce of marijuana. In determining the imposition of any penalty for violation of this Rule 6-110(C), the State Licensing Authority will consider any mitigating and aggravating factors set forth in Rule 8-235(C).
 2. Equivalency. Non-edible, non-psychoactive Retail Marijuana Products including ointments, lotions, balms, and other non-transdermal topical products are exempt from the one-ounce quantity limit on Transfers. For all other Retail Marijuana Products or Retail Marijuana Concentrate, the following equivalency applies for the one-ounce quantity Transfer limit:
 - a. One ounce of Retail Marijuana flower shall be equivalent to eight grams of Retail Marijuana Concentrate.
 - b. One ounce of Retail Marijuana flower shall be equivalent to 80 ten-milligram servings of THC in Retail Marijuana Product.
- C.5. Educational Resource. When completing a sale of Retail Marijuana Concentrate, a Retail Marijuana Store shall provide the consumer with the tangible educational resource created by the State Licensing Authority regarding the use of Regulated Marijuana Concentrate.
- D. Licensees May Refuse Sales. Nothing in these rules prohibits a Licensee from refusing to Transfer Retail Marijuana to a consumer.
- E. ~~Sales over the Internet. Only a Retail Marijuana Store holding a valid delivery permit taking orders for delivery may make sales over the internet. Only a Retail Marijuana Store holding a valid delivery permit and/or a Retail Marijuana Transporter holding a valid delivery permit may deliver Retail Marijuana to a private residence. All other Retail Marijuana Store and Retail Marijuana Transporter Licensees are prohibited from selling Retail Marijuana over the internet.~~Repealed.
- F. Delivery Outside Colorado Prohibited. A Retail Marijuana Store holding a valid delivery permit shall not deliver Retail Marijuana to an address that is outside the state of Colorado.
- G. Prohibited Items. A Retail Marijuana Store is prohibited from selling or giving away any consumable product that is not a Retail Marijuana Product or an Industrial Hemp Product

- including, but not limited to, cigarettes or tobacco products, alcohol beverages, and food products or non-alcohol beverages that are not Retail Marijuana Product.
- H. Free Product Prohibited. A Retail Marijuana Store may not give away Retail Marijuana to a consumer for any reason.
- I. Nicotine or Alcohol Prohibited. A Retail Marijuana Store is prohibited from Transferring Retail Marijuana that contain nicotine or alcohol, if the sale of the alcohol would require a license pursuant to Articles 3, 4, or 5 of Title 44, C.R.S.
- J. Storage and Display Limitations.
1. A Retail Marijuana Store shall not display Retail Marijuana outside of a designated Restricted Access Area or in a manner in which Retail Marijuana can be seen from outside the Licensed Premises. Storage of Retail Marijuana shall otherwise be maintained in Limited Access Areas or Restricted Access Area.
 2. Any Retail Marijuana Concentrate displayed in a Retail Marijuana Store must include the potency of the concentrate on a sign next to the name of the product.
 - a. The font on the sign must be large enough for a consumer to reasonably see from the location where a consumer would usually view the concentrate.
 - b. The potency displayed on the sign must be within plus or minus fifteen percent of the concentrate's actual potency.
- K. Transfer of Expired Product Prohibited. A Retail Marijuana Store shall not Transfer any expired Retail Marijuana Product to a consumer.
- L. Transfer Restriction.
1. Sampling Units. A Retail Marijuana Store may not possess or Transfer Sampling Units.
 2. Research Transfers Prohibited. A Retail Marijuana Store shall not Transfer any Retail Marijuana to a Pesticide Manufacturer, or a Marijuana Research and Development Facility.
- L.5. Standard Operating Procedures. A Retail Marijuana Store must establish written standard operating procedures for the management and storage of Retail Marijuana inventory and the sale of Retail Marijuana to consumers. A written copy of the standard operating procedures must be maintained on the Licensed Premises.
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 - a. The distinct shape of a human, animal, or fruit; or

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 2. The prohibition on human, animal, and fruit shapes does not apply to the logo of a licensed Retail Marijuana Business. Nothing in this subparagraph (M)(2) alters or eliminates a Licensee's obligation to comply with the requirements of the 3-1000 Series Rules – Labeling, Packaging, and Product Safety.
 3. Edible Retail Marijuana Products that are geometric shapes and simply fruit flavored are not considered fruit and are permissible; and
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- N. Adverse Health Event Reporting. A Retail Marijuana Store must report Adverse Health Events pursuant to Rule 3-920.
- O. Corrective and Preventive Action. This paragraph O shall be effective January 1, 2021. A Retail Marijuana Store shall establish and maintain written procedures for implementing Corrective Action and Preventive Action. The written procedures shall include the requirements listed below as determined by the Licensee. All activities required under this Rule, and their results, shall be documented and kept as business records. See Rule 3-905. The written procedures shall include requirements, as appropriate, for:
1. What constitutes a Nonconformance in the Licensee's business operation;
 2. Analyzing processes, work operations, reports, records, service records, complaints, returned product, and/or other sources of data to identify existing and potential root causes of Nonconformances or other quality problems;
 3. Investigating the root cause of Nonconformances relating to product, processes, and the quality system;
 4. Identifying the action(s) needed to correct and prevent recurrence of Nonconformance and other quality problems;
 5. Verifying the Corrective Action or Preventive Action to ensure that such action is effective and does not adversely affect finished products;
 6. Implementing and recording changes in methods and procedures needed to correct and prevent identified quality problems;
 7. Ensuring the information related to quality problems or Nonconformances is disseminated to those directly responsible for assuring the quality of products or the prevention of such problems; and
 8. Submitting relevant information on identified quality problems and Corrective Action and Preventive Action documentation, and confirming the result of the evaluation, for management review.
- P. Violation Affecting Public Safety. Failure to comply with this Rule may constitute a license violation affecting public safety.

6-1100 Series – Accelerator Store Licenses

Basis and Purpose – 6-1105

The statutory authority for this rule includes but is not limited to sections 44-10-202(1)(c), 44-10-203(1)(k), 44-10-203(2)(aa), 44-10-203(2)(dd), 44-10-401(2)(b)(l), 44-10-601, 44-10-605, and 44-10-611, C.R.S. The purpose of this rule is to establish the license privileges of an Accelerator Store.

6-1105 – Accelerator Store: License Privileges

- A. Licensed Premises.
1. Shared Licensed Premises. An Accelerator Store may operate on the same Licensed Premises as a Retail Marijuana Store that is an Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee pursuant to the 3-1100 Series Rules.
 2. Separate Licensed Premises. An Accelerator Store may operate on a separate premises in the possession of a Retail Marijuana Store that is an Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee pursuant to the 3-1100 Series Rules.
 3. To the extent authorized by Rule 3-215 – Regulated Marijuana Business– Shared Licensed Premises and Operational Separation, an Accelerator Store may share, and operate at, the same Licensed Premises as an Accelerator-Endorsed Licensee’s Retail Marijuana Store that shares a Licensed Premises with a Medical Marijuana Store.
- B. Authorized Sources of Retail Marijuana. An Accelerator Store may only Transfer Retail Marijuana that was obtained from another Retail Marijuana Business.
- C. Samples Provided for Testing. An Accelerator Store may provide Samples of its products for testing and research purposes to a Retail Marijuana Testing Facility. The Accelerator Store shall maintain the testing results as part of its business books and records. See Rule 3-905 – Business Records Required.
- D. Authorized On-Premises Storage. An Accelerator Store is authorized to store inventory on the Licensed Premises. All inventory stored on the Licensed Premises must be secured in a Limited Access Area or Restricted Access Area, and tracked consistently with the inventory tracking rules.
- E. Authorized Marijuana Transport. An Accelerator Store is authorized to utilize a licensed Retail Marijuana Transporter for transportation of its Retail Marijuana so long as the place where transportation orders are taken and delivered is a licensed Retail Marijuana Business. Nothing in this Rule prevents an Accelerator Store from transporting its own Retail Marijuana.
- F. Performance-Based Incentives. An Accelerator Store may compensate its employees using performance-based incentives, including sales-based performance-based incentives.
- G. Authorized Transfers of Industrial Hemp Products. An Accelerator Store may Transfer Industrial Hemp Product to a consumer only after it has confirmed:
1. That the Industrial Hemp Product has passed all required testing pursuant to the 4-100 Series Rules at a Retail Marijuana Testing Facility; and
 2. That the Person Transferring the Industrial Hemp Product to the Retail Marijuana Store is registered with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment pursuant to section 25-5-426, C.R.S.

- H. Automated Vending Machine. An Accelerator Store may use an automated machine in the Restricted Access Area of its Licensed Premises to dispense Regulated Marijuana to consumers without interaction with an Owner Licensee or Employee Licensee if the automated machine is reasonably monitored and complies with all requirements of these rules including but not limited to:
1. Health and safety standards,
 2. Testing,
 3. Packaging and labeling requirements,
 4. Inventory tracking,
 5. Identification requirements, and
 6. Transfer limits to consumers.
- I. Walk-up Window or Drive-up Window. An Accelerator Store may serve customers through a walk-up window or drive-up window pursuant to the requirements of this rule.
1. Modification of Premises Required. Before accepting orders for sales of Retail Marijuana to a customer through either a walk-up window or drive-up window, an Accelerator Store shall apply for, and obtain approval of, an application for a modification of its Licensed Premises for the addition of a walk-up window or drive-up window.
 2. The area immediately outside the walk-up window or drive-up window must be under the Licensee's possession and control and cannot include any public property such as public streets, public sidewalks, or public parking lots.
 3. Order and Identification Requirements.
 - a. Prior to accepting an order or Transferring Retail Marijuana to a customer, the Employee Licensee or Owner Licensee must physically view and inspect the consumer's identification and ensure that the consumer is 21 years of age or older.
 - b. The Accelerator Store may accept telephone orders or may accept orders from the customer at the walk-up window or drive-up window. ~~Accelerator Stores may not accept orders or payment for Retail Marijuana over the internet.~~
 - c. All orders received through a walk-up window or a drive-up window must be placed by the customer from a menu. The Accelerator Store may not display Retail Marijuana at the walk-up or drive-up window.
 4. Payment Requirements. Cash, credit, debit, cashless ATM, or other payment methods, including online payments, are permitted ~~for payments~~ for Retail Marijuana at the walk-up window or drive-up window.
 5. Video Surveillance Requirements. For every Transfer of Regulated Marijuana through either a walk-up window or drive-up window, the Accelerator Store's video surveillance must enable the recording of the consumer's identity (and consumer's vehicle in the event of drive-up window), and must enable the recording of the Licensee verifying the consumer's identification and completion of the transaction through the Transfer of Regulated Marijuana.

6. Packaging and Labeling Requirements. An Accelerator Store utilizing a walk-up window or drive-up window must ensure that all Retail Marijuana is packaged and labeled in accordance with Rule 3-1010 and Rule 3-1015 prior to Transfer to the consumer.
7. Local Restrictions. Transfers of Regulated Marijuana using a walk-up window or drive-up window are subject to requirements and restrictions imposed by the relevant Local Jurisdiction.

J. Sales over the Internet. An Accelerator Store may accept orders and payment for Retail Marijuana over the internet.

1. Online Order Requirements.

- a. Online orders must include the customer's name and date of birth.
- b. Prior to accepting the order, the store must provide and the customer must acknowledge receipt of:
 - i. A digital copy of the pregnancy warning required in Rule 6-1115; and
 - ii. If accepting an order for Retail Marijuana Concentrate, the Accelerator Store must also provide the educational resource required in Rule 6-1110(C.5).
- c. Licensees must maintain standard operating procedures documenting their compliance with the requirements of this subparagraph (J).

2. Transfer of Retail Marijuana to a customer.

- a. A customer must be physically present on the Licensed Premises to take possession of Retail Marijuana.
- b. The Accelerator Store must verify the customer's physical identification matches the name and date of birth the customer provided at the time of the order, and verify that the customer is twenty-one years of age or older, in accordance with these Rules.

3. Delivery. An Accelerator Marijuana Store that holds a valid delivery permit may make sales of Retail Marijuana over the internet in accordance with Rule 3-615.

4. Approved Sources of Payment. An Accelerator Store may accept payment using any legal method of payment, gift card pre-payments, or pre-payment accounts established with an Accelerator Store except that any payment with an Electronic Benefits Transfer Services Card is not permitted.

- a. A Local Licensing Authority or Local Jurisdiction may further restrict legal methods of payment not expressly permitted by section 44-10-203(2)(dd)(XV), C.R.S.

Basis and Purpose – 6-1110

The statutory authority for this rule includes but is not limited to sections 44-10-202(1)(c), 44-10-203(2)(g), 44-10-203(2)(h), 44-10-203(4)(b), 44-10-203(1)(k), 44-10-203(2)(aa), 44-10-401(2)(b)(l), 44-10-601, 44-10-611, 44-10-701(1)(a), and 44-10-701(3)(d) and (f), C.R.S. Authority also exists in the Colorado Constitution at Article XVIII, Subsections 16(3)(a), 16(5)(a)(V) and 16(5)(a)(VIII). The purpose of this rule

is to clarify those acts that are limited in some fashion, or prohibited, by an Accelerator Store. Such limitations include, but are not limited to, quantity limitations on sales and equivalencies for Retail Marijuana Concentrate and Retail Marijuana Product to Retail Marijuana flower. The establishment of equivalencies also provides information to stakeholders including Licensees, the general public, and law enforcement to aid in the enforcement of and compliance with the lawful personal possession limit of one ounce or less of marijuana. Setting these equivalencies provides Accelerator Stores and their employees with necessary information to avoid being complicit in a patron acquiring more marijuana than is lawful to possess under the Colorado Constitution pursuant to Article XVIII, Subsection 16(3)(a).

6-1110 – Accelerator Store: General Limitations or Prohibited Acts

- A. Sales to Persons Under 21 Years. Licensees are prohibited from Transferring, giving, or distributing Retail Marijuana to persons under 21 years of age. Licensees are prohibited from permitting a person under the age of 21 years of age from entering the Restricted Access Area.
- B. Age Verification. Prior to initiating the Transfer of Retail Marijuana, a Licensee must verify that the purchaser has a valid government-issued photo identification showing that the purchaser is 21 years of age or older.
- C. Quantity Limitations On Sales.
 - 1. An Accelerator Store and its employees are prohibited from Transferring more than one ounce of Retail Marijuana flower or its equivalent in Retail Marijuana Concentrate or Retail Marijuana Product or more than six Retail Marijuana seeds in a single transaction to a consumer. A single transaction includes multiple Transfers to the same consumer during the same business day where the Accelerator Store employee knows or reasonably should know that such Transfer would result in that consumer possessing more than one ounce of marijuana. In determining the imposition of any penalty for violation of this Rule 6-1110(C), the State Licensing Authority will consider any mitigating and aggravating factors set forth in Rule 8-235(C).
 - 2. Equivalency. Non-edible, non-psychoactive Retail Marijuana Products including ointments, lotions, balms, and other non-transdermal topical products are exempt from the one-ounce quantity limit on Transfers. For all other Retail Marijuana Products or Retail Marijuana Concentrate, the following equivalency applies for the one ounce quantity Transfer limit:
 - a. One ounce of Retail Marijuana flower shall be equivalent to eight grams of Retail Marijuana Concentrate.
 - b. One ounce of Retail Marijuana flower shall be equivalent to 80 ten-milligram servings of THC in Retail Marijuana Product.
- C.5. Educational Resource. When completing a sale of Retail Marijuana Concentrate, an Accelerator Store shall provide the consumer with the tangible educational resource created by the State Licensing Authority regarding the use of Regulated Marijuana Concentrate.
- D. Licensees May Refuse Sales. Nothing in these rules prohibits a Licensee from refusing to Transfer Retail Marijuana to a consumer.
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